

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1 and 25. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page 5).

- See all*
1. (Thrice Amended) A surgical device for a coronary bypass procedure comprising:
- a retaining element having an aperture defining an operative site;
  - a connector; and
  - a holder on the retaining element, the holder positioned to attach the connector to the retaining element, the connector being positioned by the holder to extend on a first side of an artery such that the connector compresses and occludes the artery against a surface on the retaining element that is positioned on a second side of the artery at a first arterial position on a first side of the operative site and at a second arterial position on a second side of the operative site.
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25. (Thrice Amended) A surgical retractor for a coronary bypass procedure comprising:
- a retaining base having an aperture that exposes an operative site, the base including a cord retainer;
  - a holder on the retaining base; and
  - a cord that attaches to the holder such that artery tissue can be compressed and occluded between the cord that extends on a first side of the artery and the retaining base that is positioned on a second side of the artery and held stationary relative to the retaining base with the cord and the cord retainer.
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